



## **RESOLUTION**

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### **ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FUZHOU, FUJIAN, CHINA.**

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-298 establishes guidelines for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") that govern the establishment and termination of its sister city relationships ("Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines provide that a sister city relationship may be established with another city that:

1. Shares a direct historical, cultural, or ethnic relationship with the people of Honolulu;
2. Offers educational and technological assistance, including special knowledge, know-how, or expertise that is beneficial to Honolulu's businesses, industries, and labor force;
3. Is similar in population size or character as Honolulu, which makes for analogous problems and concerns and the exchange of meaningful ideas and applicable solutions for either or both cities; and
4. Recognizes other common bonds that are mutually beneficial to the citizens of both cities and serves as a liaison for the exchange of information and other lifestyle and practical values; and

WHEREAS, Fuzhou, Fujian, China, founded more than 2,000 years ago, is the capital of Fujian province, and is a known historic and cultural city lying on the north bank of the Min River on China's southeast coast; and

WHEREAS, the presence, culture, and ethnic influence of Chinese-Americans, from early immigrants to current residents, have had a pervasive and permanent impact on the City; and

WHEREAS, numerous Chinese organizations and business associations have long been established and are thriving in Honolulu, including the Hawaii Fujian Business Association and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Fuzhou shares a multitude of common public policy goals with Honolulu, including the promotion of business, trade, and tourism, and the mutual exchange of friendship, culture, education, and technology; and



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WHEREAS, in September 2019, a delegation from Fuzhou visited Honolulu and signed a letter of intent with Honolulu's Mayor to formalize relations between the two cities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the guidelines and criteria for the establishment of a new sister city relationship have been met; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it supports establishing a sister city relationship with Fuzhou, Fujian, China; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sister City Agreement shall be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 20-298, which, in addition to provisions for establishing sister city relationships, also provide the terms and conditions to make these ties lasting and purposeful; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor or the Mayor's designee is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Mayor of Fuzhou, Fujian, China or the appropriate public official, to formalize the sister city relationship; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts, the Executive for Economic Revitalization, and the Mayor of Fuzhou, Fujian, China or the appropriate public official.

INTRODUCED BY:

*A. Iyola*

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

**MAR 16 2021**

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
HONOLULU, HAWAII  
CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 03/16/21 By: ANDRIA TUPOLA

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND  
LEGAL AFFAIRS (EMLA)

Title: ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FUZHOU, FUJIAN, CHINA.

Voting Legend: \* = Aye w/Reservations

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| 03/16/21 | INTRO | Introduced.   |
| 03/22/21 | EMLA  | Reported out for adoption.<br><br>CR-98<br><br>7 AYES: CORDERO, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS<br><br>2 EXCUSED: ELEFANTE, TSUNEYOSHI |
| 04/14/21 | CCL   | Committee report and Resolution were adopted.<br><br>9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,<br>TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS         |

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.

  
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GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK

  
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TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER